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# The Pentecostal Evangel

By My Spirit saith the Lord

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NOT long before the death of John Quincy Adams, someone said to him, "I have found out who made you!" "What do you mean?" enquired the former.

"I have been reading the published letters of your mother," was the reply.

The old man's eyes flashed brightly. He rose and said: "Yes, sir, all that is good in me I owe to my mother!"

"I suppose," said a little child, "God could not look after everybody, so He made mothers to help Him."

"A kiss from my mother," said West, the artist, "made me a painter."

A student was about to enter a Bible School. "Through what minister's preaching were you converted?" was one of the questions put to him.

"Through no man's preaching; but through my mother's practicing," was his reply.

One day William Cowper sat looking at his mother's portrait, and taking up a pen he wrote the following lines:

"O that those lips had language!  
Life has pass'd with me but roughly  
since I heard thee last. Those lips are  
thine—thy own sweet smile I see,  
the same that oft in childhood solaced me;  
voice only fails, else how distinct they  
say, 'Grieve not, my child, chase all thy  
fears away!' The meek intelligence of  
those dear eyes (Blest be the art that can  
immortalize, the art that baffles Time's  
tyrannic claim to quench it) here shines  
on me still the same.

"So thou, with sails how swift! hast  
reach'd the shore, where tempests never  
beat nor billows roar; and thy loved con-  
sort on the dangerous tide of life long  
since has anchor'd by thy side. But me,  
scarce hoping to attain that rest, always  
from port withheld, always distress'd,  
sails ripp'd, seams opening wide, and  
compass lost, and day by day some cur-  
rent's thwarting force sets me more dis-  
tant from a prosperous course. But oh,  
the thought, that thou art safe, and he!  
That thought is joy, arrive what may to



me. My boast is not that I deduce my birth from loins enthroned, and rulers of the earth; but higher far my proud pretensions rise—the son of parents pass'd into the skies."

The prayers of William Cowper's mother prevailed for him, and later on he wrote that hymn: "There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins, and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains. . . . E'er since by faith, I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply, redeeming love has been my theme and shall be till I die."

Mothers, pray on, your supplications will prevail.

Many years ago there lived in Dublin a beautiful and talented young lady, the wife of a young captain. At that time duelling was in vogue. The captain having quarreled with O'Connell, the Irish patriot, challenged him to a duel and was fatally wounded, and the young lady be-

came a widow before she was eighteen. First she tried solitude, and then the gaieties of life to rid herself of her grief, but all in vain. One morning, early, she went down to a river to take her life.

Just as she was about to take the fatal plunge she saw in a distant field a farmer ploughing his croft, calling to his horses and whistling cheerily as he followed the plough; and she said bitterly, "Happy man! he has something to live for; he has a niche to fill." And there came to her a message as from God. "You have a niche to fill. You have life, talents, opportunities. Why throw them away?" And turning from the river brink, she hurried home, saved from a suicide's death and doom.

Soon afterwards, under a sermon upon John 3:16 she was led to Christ, and several years after that married a Christian captain. They had a son, and that mother, realizing her niche was to train that child for God, brought him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. That son was Dr. Grattan Guinness, who was mightily used of God in leading thousands to Christ in the British Isles in the great revival of 1859. Grattan Guinness later got the burden of world evangelization and began training young men for service in the "regions beyond."

Paying a tribute to his honored father, some years later Dr. Harry Guinness said, "If my father was used of God to turn thousands to Christ, as he was; if he was the means of training hundreds for the mission field and opening up dark places of the earth for the gospel; if by his writings he has enriched the Church and glorified his Saviour; if I, his son, humbly trying to follow in his footsteps, have done any service for God, then you must trace it back to that humble farmer doing his common task, and to my father's mother realizing that she too had her niche in life."

The mother of Grattan Guinness, in bringing up her son for God probably did more for God and God's kingdom than all the great statesmen of her century.

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# The Ideal Christian Character

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I wish to speak to you about the ideal Christian character, the most sublime and inspiring description of which is found in 2 Tim. 1:7, "But God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

Jesus Christ our Lord and Master was and is the first and perfect character. In Him we find this description in perfect expression. In Him as the head of a new creation, the ideal is perfectly wrought out in all motives, conduct, and character. We cannot now take time to trace this ideal in the life of Christ, but we are encouraged to know that its completeness and perfection are ours, to be freely wrought out in us as we are willing to let the Holy Spirit reproduce His life in us.

First of all let us clear our minds of a possible difficulty in regard to the question of character lest we get it confused with the thought of nature. Always remember that nature (the divine nature received at the new birth) is one thing—a gift received as a definite and specific act; while character is the result of a process of growth and building. We become partakers of the divine nature at the new birth, by an act but not a process. We do not continue to become more and more born as we grow in the Christian life. But if we yield to God we continue to grow in grace and may thus build a Christian character. We may come to God and become partakers of His nature the moment we believe, but He cannot make us into mature characters in one experience. There are any number saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit but those experiences in themselves, do not make them into developed Christian characters. The experiences are very necessary but are only initial steps which make it possible for God to start the work of conforming us to the image of Christ.

Did you ever look up the derivation of the word, "character"? It is both interesting and suggestive. It comes from a Greek word which means to scratch, furrow, or plow. The Greek sculptors had a little instrument by the same name which they used in working upon the material before them. The instrument was a "character," and *charassin* was to furrow or plow or scratch. The artist worked out by plowing and furrowing the desire of his heart. So you see our character is whatever is plowed or furrowed upon us. It is that which gives us our distinction and makes us different

from others. Is that not exactly what God is doing with us today? Have you not felt the plowing and furrowing as He has worked in you and upon you to produce again the image of His Son? The Bible tells us, that "we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus"; and again, "For whom He did foreknow He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son"; and again, "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." So are we not safe while we feel the deep plowing and furrowing of His disciplining hand?

Let us notice before we take up the study of character here what God says about cringing fear. It is not of God, but is the result of sin and failure. It may often be the indirect result of sin. We find it first mentioned in Genesis after the fall. It is always a disorganizing element and is overcome only by love. "Perfect love casteth out fear." So let us remember that fear is not of God and does not belong in the life of a Christian.

In this description of character we find three necessary elements. They are all given by God. He knows we are bankrupt and destitute as far as furnishing or originating anything for character building, therefore He gives us these in Christ and will work them out in us as we let Him. The first is power. Christ is the head of a new creation and as such has all power vested in Him. "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Before He went away He carefully instructed His disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the gift of the Holy Ghost and power. That was not for the early church only but for all believers. Why, some may ask, do we need that power when we have been saved and baptized in the Spirit? Because it is the dynamic and vital life of the new creation. We are His mystical body and have no life apart from it. As He lived by the Spirit, wrought and taught by the Spirit, and laid down His life by the same power, so are we to do today. He was continually dependent in His human aspect upon the power of the Holy Spirit to carry Him through. It is the same for us. All power is in Him. Let us not get under such a burden about power, but keep our hearts and lives in vital connection with Him and He will see to the demonstration of power Himself.

Next in order He has given us love. Why do we find this element next mentioned? Because it follows in His divine arrangement and *must* come next since there is a logical arrangement here. Never interfere with God's arrangements of words, plan, order, system, or methods. The Holy Spirit has a reason for every choice of a word and placing of the same. He gives love next because it is the *motive* which is to govern the power in its manifestation. By motive I mean the urge or that which moves or incites to action. How we need the Holy Spirit these days to search out our hearts and discover to us the motives which prompt so much of the activity and doing in Christian circles. Today we see some marked manifestations of power—but I am wondering if our motives can bear close scrutiny. Even our faith is to be governed by a motive of love. Gal. 5:6. By love I do not mean a sentimental sort of feeling, not an emotional stir which is on the surface. I mean a love which has as a measure of its value or worth that costly element called sacrifice. The true measure of love is always sacrifice. It is not how much we say we love by words and promise, but how much we are willing to suffer and sacrifice for love which really gives the measure and strength of it. How many times I have had my students memorize these beautiful lines by Ugo Bassi:

"Measure thy life by loss and not by gain,  
Not by the wine drunk, but by the wine  
poured forth.

For love's strength standeth in love's sacrifice,

And he who suffers most has most to give."

This is beautiful because it is true. Love which is born of suffering and sacrifice becomes a safe motive for the manifestation of His power. This was the whole difficulty with the Corinthian church. As we read in the first chapter of 1 Corinthians we find some very complimentary statements concerning the church. "Ye are enriched by Him, in all utterances, and in all knowledge." "The testimony of Christ was confirmed in you"; "Ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." If such things could truthfully be said of an assembly today, we should very likely think the assembly very spiritual and far advanced in the things of God. But that might easily be a false judgment. Even though Paul says these things and they are true, yet in another chapter quickly following, he says they are carnal and babes in Christ. They were carnal because of divisions. To have all such gifts and manifestations of power is no sign of spirituality. Rather it is a sign that God has been unusually generous in His giving of gifts to such carnal Christians. They were not deeply spiritual or they would not have had such

fleshly and natural manifestations in their church. Therefore Paul has to correct them.

In the twelfth chapter we find Paul speaking of the gifts and the unity of the Spirit in relation to them and the need of mutual co-operation and understanding. Why do we find the message in the thirteenth chapter placed just where it is? Because there is no logical place other than this for the message it holds. It must come next because it shows the motive or *law* by which the gifts are to be operated. Never take the thirteenth chapter from its proper setting simply because it is a bit of beautiful literature. It was not given to show the *beauty* of love as a sentiment; it was given to show the *necessity* of love as a motive for the proper display of the gifts.

In the thirteenth chapter he tells us some very solemn and awful truths. Truths which spiritual leaders might well ponder. The word, "though" in the first three verses throws the matter into possibility. He says it is *possible* to do all these markedly, spiritual and supernatural things and yet be lacking in love and have the whole display or manifestation to profit him nothing. Is that not a solemn fact? Maybe this will clear up the questioning in the minds of some who are stumbled in seeing such manifest working and at the same time know there are very questionable things connected with the work or worker where the power and miracles are going on. If you note, the Bible says it profits the worker nothing who is thus used, and he is nothing. It does not say others may not be helped and blessed. God has promised to honor His Word. It is not a question of the power being genuine or gifts genuine, but a question of love or motive back of the operation. Paul did not say their work was all of the devil or their gifts not of God. They had been using the gifts for selfish ends and natural and fleshly purposes, not for the glory of God. It had resulted in divisions, envy, vaunting, and puffing up of self, unseemly behaviour, self-seeking, provoking and thinking evil, delight in iniquity, etc., things condemned in the thirteenth chapter. Therefore Paul shows them a *better* way or (*law*) by which the gifts are to be operated that God may be glorified and the body edified. All the work accomplished by other motives becomes hay, wood, and stubble.

There are three things we may do with a gift God has deposited in a believer. It may be used to the glory of God and the edification of the body; it may be prostituted—misused for selfish ends; or it may be left dormant, unused in the heart. Paul does not say that God takes the gifts away, but he does say "to stir up the gift that is *in* thee." The talent wrapped up in a napkin was not taken away until the

man had to give an account at a later time. We are accountable for the use or abuse of a gift. Let us not be deceived when we see and hear of some marvelous doings. For I am sorry to say that all those things may be possible and yet God have little or nothing to do with it. He does bless the hungry heart and will honor His Word. He may not always be pleased with the instrument and may not sanction the methods as being spiritual. He often blesses in *spite* of and not *because* of the instrument or methods, because of His Word and the hungry hearts in faith seeking Him.

Third, He has given us (this translation says) a sound mind. A better translation is, "disciplined mind." How very different that is. It means self-controlled for use and service. Jesus was perfectly disciplined and was therefore perfectly *safe*. He had all power and was the personification of love, and with a disciplined, understanding mind, He was the perfect manifestation of God. The New Testament tells so much about our minds. Because we are Christians and baptized in the Holy Spirit, do not think God has taken away our minds. We need them more than ever now. He says in the Word, "Be renewed in the spirit of your mind"; "I will put my law in your mind"; "let this mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus"; "we have the mind of Christ". We yield our minds to His perfect will and only thus are we *safe*. It is quite possible to have power and love and be lacking in the third element and make a failure of it all.

Look at Peter in this incident; "From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and the chief priests and scribes, and be killed. . . . Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord; this shall not be unto thee. But he turned and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me Satan; thou art an offence unto me." Matt. 16:21-23.

Peter had *power* to protect the Lord and was happy to use it; and he had *love*, looking out as he thought for Christ's welfare. But he did not have a mind which was disciplined to *think* and therefore Christ had to rebuke him. Here it was not a question of power or of love but rather a lack of understanding. It would have been very unsafe to have allowed him to use his power, for it would have ruined God's whole purpose. Again let us look at the story in Luke 9:52-55. "And they (the Samaritans) did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem. And when his disciples, James and John saw this they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? But He turned and rebuked them, saying, Ye

know not what manner of spirit ye are of." James and John had *power*. It had been given to them as we read in the first verse of this very chapter. They had *love* too for they wanted to vindicate their Master and prove their loyalty to Him. It was not a question of power or of love, but a lack of understanding. Their minds were not trained, disciplined, subdued to correctly use power. Again Christ has to rebuke them. Christ is not done with John yet; his mind and spirit need to be subdued and trained. Christ always gets at the root of the trouble when we let Him.

It is interesting to note later on, after John has gone through a life of training, trial, suffering, and pain—when he had become *safe*, he wrote (so gently), "Little children, love one another." That does not sound like thunder and fire from heaven I am sure. When God wanted an instrument to whom He might give that marvelous Revelation—full of fire, thunder, war, beasts, lightning, tribulation, and most awful and mighty prophecies, He took the broken, subdued, banished, and hidden John. Now he is *safe* to thunder, now he is safe to call for fire, for in character he holds not only power, but love (the sacrificing kind) and his mind is *one* with God.

Some of you might be tempted to discouragement thinking the ideal too high. Do not let the enemy rob you thus. It is quite impossible for us in our natural powers, but the work is God's and by His Spirit He can accomplish it if we do our part. Shall we not afresh *yield* our whole being to His mighty power? We long to be like Christ and often pray it. He is plowing and furrowing the character upon us as we let Him. Not only are we blest, but He is glorified in finding material which will stand the test. Do not be too concerned with your work and service. He is after more than that. For all we do has its reaction upon the soul to trace thereon faithfulness, yieldedness, love, suffering, and all the other elements and marks to make us like Jesus. All the while you are serving He is looking at the effect, result, reaction of its upon your character and will reward you accordingly. May He in that day be glorified in you because you loved Him enough to let go and let God trace upon you the image of His dear Son, even our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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# The Editor's Notebook



## The Badge of a Love Slave

In Psalm 40:6 we read these words, "Mine ears hast thou opened." The marginal rendering here is, "Mine ear hast thou digged." What does this mean? Every seventh year in Israel was to be a year when liberty was to be granted to the slaves. But some masters were very considerate, loving and kind to their slaves, and were loved by them. To such Moses gave instructions, "And it shall be if he say unto thee, I will not go away from thee; because he loveth thee and thine house . . . then thou shalt take an aul, and thrust it through his ear unto the door, and he shall be thy servant for ever. And also unto thy maidservant thou shalt do likewise." The pierced or "digged" ear then was the badge of a service of love, and it spoke eloquently too of a lovable master.

## The Model Slave

It is our Lord Jesus Christ Himself who is speaking here in Psalm 40, and He says: "Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened (digged or pierced): burnt offering and sin offering thou hast not required. Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God." It was no hard bondage for the Lord Jesus to serve His Father; it was His delight. In Phil. 2:7 we read that He "took upon Him the form of a *slave*" (Conybeare's translation). Will you not bring your ear to your loving Master, and will you not say to Him, "I, too, ask for the operation of the aul, for I desire to be Thy love slave forever"?

## The Hearing Ear

The 50th chapter of Isaiah gives us another aspect of the opened ear. Here again it is Christ Himself speaking through the prophet. Leeser gives us a beautiful translation of verses 4 and 5, "The Lord Eternal hath given me a tongue for teaching, that I should know how to strengthen the weary with the word: he awakeneth morning by morning, he awakeneth my ear to listen like those who are well taught. The Lord Eternal hath opened mine ear." Does not this suggest that early every morning the Son of God was listening in to what His Father had to say to Him? He declared, "I can of mine own self do nothing: as I *hear*, I judge." John 5:30. "The word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me." John 14:24. A gracious invitation is sent out by our God to every-

one, "Incline your ear and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live." Isa. 55:3. And as we give ear to Him morning by morning—and it is the early morning hours that are best to give to Him—He will not fail to give to us a word in season to pass on to him that is weary.

## The Seeing Eye

Salvation not only affects our ears but also our eyes. A godly man had a much marked Bible, and all through at different places you would see the letters W. T. When asked what these letters meant, he would say, "I will tell you my secret if you will promise to read your Bible every day." When the promise was made he would say, "Every morning when I open my Bible I offer the prayer—a prayer that the godly McCheyne said we should make every time we read the Word—'Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.' Psalm 119:18. Every day my eyes are opened to find some really *wondrous thing* in the portion I read. And so I mark up my Bible with a W. T., which you perceive is just my abbreviation of the words '*Wondrous Things*.'"

## An Illustration from Africa

There are some who despise the negro and need the rebuke that that veteran missionary to Africa, Dan Crawford, administered (on a postcard) to one: "You and I differ rather radically on the subject (of the natives)," he wrote "and I venture to hint that (seeing you have been such a short time in the country) my knowledge, however limited, cannot be controverted by your ignorance, however extensive." Crawford tells us of the extraordinary intelligence of Africa's tiny tots. In a new book, *Tefero*, W. J. W. Roome writes concerning some African children: "Demaris, when four years old, could read the New Testament in her Lokale language easily and intelligently. At that time Mama Mokili (the missionary) was very ill. This little girl sought out a companion of her own age who could read as well as she could herself. Day after day these two bright and capable little maidens would come and sit by the bedside, and read to the invalid from the New Testament."

## The Prayer of Faith

This writer continues: "One day they came in with beaming faces, and the news that they had found something wonderful in the Bible, 'how to heal the sick!' They had been reading together and had found James 5:14, 'Is any sick among

you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.' They went over to the dressing table and took a bottle of scent. 'Now Mama Mokili, we are going to make you better.' They poured some of the scent over her forehead, then knelt by the bedside. In the sure and certain faith of a child, they prayed over her! Soon the sick missionary was better. Health returned in answer to the prayers of these four year olds." Contrast the opened eyes of these tiny African maidens and the closed eyes of some modern theologians who deny that the Lord is the Healer of the sick in our day.

## Opened Understanding

Luke tells of a meeting the Lord had with the disciples after His resurrection. He showed them that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the Psalms, concerning Himself; "then *opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.*" It is written, "It is the glory of God to conceal a thing." Prov. 25:2. There are many things hidden from the wise and prudent, but to the "babes," the ones of childlike faith, the Lord will give revelations, graciously opening their understanding so that they can know what the will of the Lord is in all things. Wrote Paul to his son Timothy, "The Lord give thee understanding in all things." Let us pray continually for the opened understanding.

## Opened Hearts

The women of Philippi turned their backs on the wicked idolatries of their city, and went out by a river bank and there by themselves they prayed. God answered their prayers by giving a vision to Paul, and he went over to Philippi to help them. And the record tells us that when Paul and Silas spake to these women that "the Lord opened" the heart of Lydia. Into that opened heart He poured in His salvation and His love, and she was soon constraining the missionaries to come and stay at her home. Get alone by some isolated river bank or to some hidden closet, and pray, and you will find God ready to open your heart and pour into it all the grace you need for all your daily walk.

## Opened Lips

There is a prayer from the sweet singer of Israel in Psalm 51:15, "O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise." Sin had sealed his lips for a while, but now his heart was repenting and he longed for the song to return. Dan Crawford tells us of how an old African can discern when salvation has penetrated the heart of a fellow native. "He gets a parable out of the fact that no

native hut has a window, therefore no streak of daybreak can enter his dark hut. It is only the daybreak sounds that reach him to tell what the eye cannot see. This is his picture of a man's hidden heart and its conversion. 'Yes,' said an old man, singling out one of them, 'that man is saved, and how do I know it? How do I know it is daybreak without even leaving my dark hut to see if there are streaks of dawn? I know by the singing of the sunrise birds. Their music gets into the blackness of my house without my bothering to get out and see if the east is reddening. So, too, a Christian and this new heart of his: I cannot get in, past bone and blood, to inspect it, but the new heart comes out in song like the sunrise birds.' The life of an individual, and of an assembly too, can frequently be gauged by the open lips and by the quality of song that proceeds from them.

### He Comes to Fill

And so, a full orb'd Christian may be

## The Passing and the Permanent

A Review of Current Life and Thought in the Light of Scripture

### Palestine Oranges

According to *Palestine Post*, during one week of April, 125,000 cases of oranges were exported from Haifa to London, Liverpool, Glasgow, and Trieste.

### Famines

The grim prediction, "there shall be famines in divers places," finds another fulfillment in China where cannibalism is reported as the latest horror of the famine in Western Hupeh province. Hundreds are said to be dying daily and survivors are devouring the corpses, according to Shanghai dispatches.

### The Man on Horseback

H. L. Mencken, noted critic, used what sounds like Biblical language in forecasting the future. *The Literary Digest* quotes him as saying that "things are getting ready for the Man on Horseback." He expressed as a "private opinion" that "the time of the big smash up is going to be next year."

### Japan's Coming Crisis

In Japan's budget for 1934-5 as much money was devoted to the armed force as Great Britain, with all her vast empire and sea communications to protect, spends annually in this direction, states *Public Opinion*. "The date of the coming crisis is already settled: it will be in 1935-6 when Japan's notice of withdrawal from the League of Nations expires. Throughout the country everybody is discussing or preparing for the 'Crisis of 1936.'"

Is the way being prepared for the "Kings of the East"? Rev. 16:12.

described as one who has an opened ear, an opened eye, an opened understanding, an opened and obedient heart, and opened lips, ever giving forth hearty thanksgiving to God. Said the Bridegroom to the bride in the Song of Solomon, "Open to me!" It is just to Himself, our precious Lord Jesus Himself, we must open. And He will come in and make us a garden of delight. He will see to it that there is "a well of living water, and streams from Lebanon," proceeding from that garden to bring blessing to all around. Alas, many churches today are like that of Laodicea, closed to Him, but He comes to the individual and says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." To those who open to Him He says, "Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it." He will fill it with the finest of the wheat, and with honey out of the rock will He satisfy. He alone can satisfy the longing heart and fill the hungry with good things.

### Palestine Immigration

"The world war (someone has said) gave Palestine to the Jew: the world economic crisis is giving the Jew to Palestine." At the time of Napoleon's campaign there were perhaps 5,000 Jews in Palestine. Today (in 1934) there are about 225,000.

### Arbor Day in Palestine

"Arbor Day was observed yesterday (Jan. 31) by thousands of Jewish school children in Palestine, especially in Tel Aviv." Writes Chas. S. Peters in *Latter Rain Evangel*: "Hundreds of trees were planted as children sang Hebrew songs including 'When ye come to the Land ye shall plant it.'"

### Salutes

"A curious symptom of present world-thought is the salute," we learn from *Dawn*. "Even professors and lecturers in Italian universities (*Times*, Nov. 7, 1933) must give and receive the Fascist salute. A Nazi official decree says: 'Every citizen, even the non-Aryan, must, in his intercourse with officials and public employees, make use of the German greeting, even if his communication with these be purely epistolary. In the latter event write "Heil Hitler!" or "With German greeting!"' What seem utterly unknown are the source and goal of the modern salute. In the Roman Empire (of which Fascism is a revival) literally every act—military, social (like dinner-parties), commercial (in trade guilds) or official had to begin with a gesture of worship for the Emperor."

### Is the Tower of Babel Found?

"Excavators at work in Ur of the Chaldees have unearthed an immense pyramid temple, a staged tower 195 feet long, 150 feet wide and 60 feet high, erected on an artificial terrace," reports the *Gospel Graphic*. "The remarkable thing about it is that it is oriented to the cardinal points of the compass. In all probability this is the very Tower of Babel mentioned in Genesis 11."

### Great Pentecostal Gatherings

"Pentecost" is by no means something "done in a corner" in Gt. Britain. The *News-Chronicle* of London, reporting three great meetings held in London's largest hall comments: "Ten thousand believers in miracles. . . . The scene was a remarkable one and loudspeakers carried the voices to a great crowd outside (who could not get in the building). People inside rose, and waved hymn sheets, and said they had been cripples and had been made straight."

### Abraham's Blessing

In an article published by an English newspaper (quoted in *Prophetic News*) the writer shows how England has benefited materially by taking the mandate over Palestine. About \$200,000,000 of Jewish capital has entered the country since the war. The government has accumulated a surplus of over \$5,000,000. The writer shows how the strategic position of Palestine is of immense value to the security of Britain's empire.

Thus the promise, "I will bless them that bless thee," is being fulfilled.

### God Can Raise the Dead

Benjamin M. Jones writes in the *Christian Advocate*: "An evangelist of the Karen race went to a certain village, made friends with the children but could get no access to the old folks. At last one of the lads became very ill. His relatives sacrificed fowls, then pigs. He only grew worse and they were preparing to sacrifice three buffaloes, when the lad died, or they thought he did. Then the lad's mother went to the Christian teacher and said, 'You say your God can raise the dead. Come now and try it on my son and we will believe.' The teacher asked the mother to take away all the emblems of spirit worship. She said she didn't dare to, but that he might do so himself. Then he laid his hands on the boy and prayed, and the boy immediately sat up and threw his arms around the teacher. The teacher began to sing and the boy joined in. The teacher forbade him, saying that he was too weak and must not exhaust himself. The boy denied that he was weak and asked for food. His previous trouble had been that he could not swallow food. The signs of weakness and illness disappeared from him at once."

## Ye Must Be Born from Above

P. C. Nelson, Principal, Southwestern Bible School, Enid, Okla.

One night, somewhere in Jerusalem, perhaps on one of the flat housetops, with the beloved John within hearing distance, Jesus had a meeting, no doubt by appointment, with the famous Jewish scholar and theologian, Nicodemus, a member of the Sanhedrin. Nicodemus showed Jesus the highest respect by addressing Him by the jealously guarded title, Rabbi, "my teacher," corresponding to our use of the word *Doctor*.

"We (we Jewish leaders) know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no man can do these miracles which thou doest, except God be with him." A wonderful confession. Will Jesus follow it up by demanding why then he does not come out in the open and take a bold stand for Him? No. Unless there is a complete transformation in the life of Nicodemus, he could be of no use to the Lord—he could not see or enter the kingdom of God.

The question lying back in the mind of Nicodemus was this—"What must I do to enter the coming kingdom?" Jesus answered the question before it was asked: "Verily, verily (the Greek word is *amen*, *amen*), I say unto thee, Except a man be born again (the Greek says *from above*), he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus is puzzled. This word "born again" or from above (Worrell translates it *anew*) is beyond his comprehension. As an unregenerate man, he cannot perceive spiritual truths. 1 Cor. 2:14.

But Jesus reiterates the statement with added emphasis, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." The word water is a symbol of the Word of God—"That he might sanctify and cleanse it *with the washing of water by the word*" (Eph. 5:26); "He saved us, by the *washing of regeneration* and the renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:5); "Being *born again*, not of corruptible seed, but *by the word of God*, which liveth and abideth for ever" (1 Peter 1:23); "Of his own will *begat he us with the word of truth*"; "Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls." James 1:18, 21. The Word is the *means* which the Spirit uses to *convict* of sin and *prepare* the heart for the *incoming of Christ*—"For the word of God is quick and powerful" (Greek reads *living and energetic*, with special emphasis on the word *living*—Living is the word of God and energetic), "and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the di-

viding asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Heb. 4:12. If this interpretation of the word water is right, Jesus asserts that no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he has been born of the Word and of the Spirit of God. This accords with the whole tenor of the gospel.

Then Jesus announced to this noted Bible student and thinker a great spiritual law of which millions of intelligent people in this enlightened age are totally ignorant—as Nicodemus was—"That which is born of the flesh (sinful human nature) is flesh (sinful human nature); and that which is born of the spirit is spirit" (is spiritual, adapted to live in a spiritual kingdom). God made man in His own image, but man fell and lost the divine image and we have inherited the likeness and image of Adam. Gen. 5:3. It is the work of the Spirit of God to restore in us the image of Christ. 2 Cor. 3:17, 18; Gal. 4:19. You cannot educate or cultivate an unregenerate man into a Christian any more than you can educate a dog into a human being.

As Henry Drummond so beautifully sets forth in his *Natural Law in the Spiritual World*, "The power to lift a human being out of sinful self into the life of the Spirit must come from *above*." "Ye must be born from *above*," said Jesus Christ. Through the Word the Holy Spirit reaches down into our lives and lifts us up to a new and higher life. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature" (Greek, *creation*). 2 Cor. 5:17. "We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works." Eph. 2:10.

A child has to learn to walk and to talk, to eat and to drink, to play and to work, but no one need teach him to sin. There is something radically wrong with human nature. It is unfit for heaven and hardly fit for earth. Man's depravity extends to spirit, soul, and body. It touches his intellect, his emotions, his imagination, his will, and his conscience. Nothing short of a complete renovation will avail.

Amazement was written on the face of Nicodemus. Jesus said, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth (will-eth), and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit." To man there is mystery in this transforming experience. How can anyone explain how it is that a poor, wicked, cursing, swearing sinner,

vile with vices too awful to mention, can kneel down at an altar and in a few minutes rise with sins forgiven and washed away, with all the love of sinning gone, and instead a holy desire filling his heart to live for God? You cannot explain just how the Spirit of God through the Word operates on a human heart, turning a wicked, blasphemous sinner into a glorious saint, extracting the poison of asps out of the cursing tongue, and filling the heart and mouth with prayer and praise to God; but thank God, such marvels of grace are not rare.

You cannot even analyze the experiences you pass through yourself, and the operations of the Holy Spirit on your soul and spirit in regenerating you; but you can point to a time when you passed out of death into life, out of darkness into light; when the devil moved out, and Christ moved in, and now it is "Christ in you, the hope of glory." Col. 1:27. You suddenly discover that you are a "new creature" (creation), in a new world, surrounded by new objects and new people—"Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." "And all things are of God, who has reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and has given unto us the ministry of conciliation." 2 Cor. 5:17, 18.

Regeneration is *fundamental* in Christian experience. Unless we are born again, it is useless to seek the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Unless we are truly regenerated, we are not qualified to be baptized or to partake of the Lord's Supper; and if we join a church or an assembly, we are simply dead weights to be carried along by the living body of Jesus Christ. There may be some who have long sought the Baptism in the Holy Spirit who should first of all seek the pardoning and regenerating grace of the Lord. The door into God's marvelous grace in all of its forms is faith. Through faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ, we are prepared to be born again, to be filled with the Spirit, and to be healed of our diseases. Give close heed to the words found in the first chapter of the Gospel of John, verses eleven to thirteen. Worrell's Translation is a very close rendering of the Greek—"He came to His own possessions, and those who were His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them He gave *the right* to become children of God, to those believing in His name; who were born, not of bloods, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

In conclusion, let us consider these three propositions, which will make a good basis for a sermon: I. To be well born, you must be born twice. II. If you are born but once, you will die twice. Rev. 20:14, 15. III. If you are born twice, you never die at all. John 11:25, 26.

## The Way of Salvation

### No Case Too Hard

Lionel B. Fletcher

During the course of a campaign that was being held in a large city I was amazed to see three men carrying another man down the aisle. I was standing at the communion table, where a number of young people had made their public confession of Christ, when these men came up asking me to shake hands with the man who was being carried. I smelt the fumes of alcohol and knew the man was drunk. I did not feel very happy about this action on the part of the three men. I thought perhaps their zeal had outrun their common sense, and I also felt that it might bring discredit to evangelism to claim a man as a convert who was evidently too drunk to walk.

After the benediction the man was carried into the inquiry room, but I was determined that I would deal with him personally and see to it that no extravagant claims should be made about him. Speaking to this drunken man I found that he was in the neighborhood of sixty years of age. He said to me, "I am drunk in my legs but not in my head, so I can understand all you are saying." And he certainly could, for he told me the whole of his heart-breaking history; of his attempts to get rid of the curse of drink; of his broken-hearted wife and disgusted and disappointed children; of his ruined business and all the rest of the pitiable story. Then he said: "I must either get power from God to give up this curse and become a Christian man, or I shall commit suicide and get out of it, and rid my family of the disgrace of my presence."

A minister and I talked with this man a long time; finally he threw himself with an utter abandon on to the mercy of God, and accepted Christ as his Saviour. He pleaded with God to save him utterly and for ever, and God answered that prayer. I am stating a fact when I say that he was immediately able to walk without aid. He rose to his feet perfectly sober, and his friends went home with him to tell his wife the good news. His family gathered about him with great thanksgiving, and he again built up his business and served God with humility and gladness. Six or seven years afterwards I had a letter telling me that he might be seen every Saturday night, standing with the open-air band bearing his unspoken testimony to the saving power of Christ. The writer said something like this: "People come down the street just to look at him, and to point him out to visitors, that they may see the man who was the greatest drunkard in

our city, now sober and happy and serving the Lord."

Someone has said, "Sin is like seed—to cover it is to cultivate it." Do not allow it to remain covered one moment longer whether it be drunkenness or anything else—drag it out into the light of the presence of Christ—confess it, lay hold of His rich promises, and turning to Him as your only Saviour, accept the pardon and life which are offered to you.

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. Prov. 28:13.

## Questions and Answers

*Do you think ministers should tithe on what is given to them? Please give Scripture.*

The Levites were requested to tithe. Therefore, if ministers teach tithing, they surely ought to tithe. Num. 18:26; Neh. 10:38.

*What did Jesus mean by the eye of a needle, when He said it was easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle? Matt. 19:24. Did He mean a sewing needle or the gate of a city?*

The expression was used to show a natural impossibility. A well versed oriental has said the words camel and rope sounded very much alike and that the real meaning of Jesus was that it was easier for a rope to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. We are glad, however, that things which are impossible with man are possible with God. Some rich people have become beautiful saints.

*(a) Did Jesus receive the Baptism with the Holy Ghost? Matt. 3:16. (b) Did He need an endowment of power to fulfill the will and work of God? Since the fullness of the Godhead always dwelt in Christ, I believe He was perfect, lacking nothing, and therefore did not need the Baptism with the Spirit to fulfill His ministry.*

It is true that Jesus never laid aside His Deity while He was upon earth. At the same time, as the man Christ Jesus He met Satan and wrought miracles by the power of the Holy Spirit. Being made in all points like unto His brethren, He submitted Himself to that sphere in which we live and labor. The Bible does not say Jesus "was baptized with the Spirit," but that He "was anointed with the Spirit." Acts 10:38. The Scripture also speaks of those who have received the Baptism with the Spirit as enjoying "the anointing." 1 John 2:27. The anointing and the Baptism must therefore be very similar. The human Jesus needed this anointing for service and received the same at His baptism in Jordan. Matt. 3:16.—E. S. W.

## A Three Minute Sermon

### God's Mysteries

Who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been His counsellor? God's ways are as great and as deep as God Himself. "Who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord, or being His counsellor hath taught Him?"

Who could have thought that on Calvary, the death of Christ the Son of God, brought about by wicked men under the control of Satan, could bring salvation to mankind? Who could have thought that Satan's ultimate overthrow should be by the One whom he caused to be slain?

Job's three friends thought they knew, and thought they could explain to Job God's mysterious dealings with him. They were utter failures. Job partly understood when he declared, "But now my eye seeth thee, therefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes." But Job never fully knew in time the mystery of God's dealings with him. Paul realized the mystery of God's dealing when he said, "We see through a glass darkly." We see no better, we only know in part. We try to explain the mystery of God's providences, to fathom the depth of His infinite knowledge, and are as diverse in our interpretation and as far away and as foolish as Job's friends were when they tried to explain the why and wherefore of his losses and his boils. These friends' advice, counsel, and explanations, were grotesque in the sight of God; nay, they were sinful, and the victim of their remarks had to pray for these counsellors. Job had to entreat God for them.

Man is always prone to explain God's dealings from his low standpoint. Man directs the sailing of the ship by the aid of the sun, but he dare not try to sail the sun, for if he did, the sun would scorch him. Guide your affairs in the light of the Sun of righteousness, but do not try to guide the Sun of righteousness.

As for God, His way is perfect! Mary, the mother of Jesus, had no question in her heart when John took her to his home, for he afterwards escorted her to the upper room to tarry, according to the command and the last utterance of the beloved Son of the Father. Had there been rebellion, question or doubt, she never would have obeyed the command. What thou knowest not now, thou shalt know hereafter. The highest faith is to trust God in the storm as well as in the calm.

Make your program so long and so hard that the people who praise you will always seem to you to be talking about something very trivial in comparison with what you are really trying to do.—A. G. Ward.

# I Am the Lord that Healeth Thee

Testimonies of those who have proved Him

## Healed of Adhesions

I praise God for bringing me the light on Divine Healing. For twenty-one years I had doctored with many doctors and had had two operations. The last doctor said I could not live long, perhaps not three months. He told my wife I would likely drop dead, as I had adhesions in my bowels which prevented the food's getting through.

But I got back to the Lord after having been backslidden for years, and heard this wonderful truth of Divine Healing. I began to search the Word and found that the Lord Jesus had made atonement for all my sicknesses on the Cross. I then obeyed the Word in James, was anointed with oil, and the Lord healed me. I am still healed. That was over thirteen years ago, and so I know Divine Healing lasts if we walk with the Lord.—S. A. Rayborn, Box 90, Kane, Ill.

## Shrunken Leg and Dislocated Vertebrae Healed

We came into the Pentecostal movement in 1928, hungry for God. My husband had been suffering for several years with sciatic rheumatism, and two vertebrae which would not stay in place. His left leg which had caused him so much pain had withered away to about half the size of the right one, and it was also an inch and a half shorter than the right one. When we heard that Jesus our wonderful Saviour would heal our bodies as well as save our souls it was almost more than we could contain. The first healing service my husband went up for prayer, was anointed and prayed for according to the blessed Word of our God, and was instantly healed. The belt he had been wearing to support the vertebrae was cast aside, and his leg became the same size and length as the other one. The Lord also delivered him from cigarettes and tobacco which he had used seventeen years. In a month's time he had gained twenty pounds in weight, and was able to lift as much as anyone else. Before he was healed he could not lift anything heavy. Sometimes picking up one of our little boys was enough to dislocate the vertebrae. What a dozen different doctors and much medicine could not do our blessed Lord did. It would take a book to tell all the wonderful things our God has done for us since then, healing all of us in notable cases, any one of which would make a striking testimony if told in detail. Pastor T. A. Sandall, who has been our

pastor for five years has anointed and prayed for all of us. Mrs. Fred L. Neeley, Route 2, Box 320, Puyallup, Wash.

Ed. note. We sent the above testimony to Pastor Sandall for his comments. He writes: "The healings mentioned in Mrs. Neeley's testimony are as therein stated; the one of her husband being now of five years standing. He is as well and strong as any young man, and he has no trace of the afflictions for which we prayed."—T. A. Sandall, 408 5th Street, S. W., Puyallup, Wash.

## Two Striking Healings

Brother Ralph C. Bramer, Route 2, Lyons, N. Y., Pastor of Bethel Mission, Canandaigua, N. Y. vouches for the truth of the following two testimonies:

Some forty years ago a chip flying from an axe penetrated my right eye completely destroying the sight. A blood clot formed which remained until I was healed in a meeting held for our pastor by Mae Eleanor Frey. She was preaching one night on the blind man, mentioned in the 18th of Luke. She said that Jesus has never changed, and so is just as ready and willing today to heal blind eyes as He ever was. Then the Lord said to me, "If you go to the altar and ask them to pray for you I will restore the sight to that eye." I took the Lord at His word. As soon as I was prayed for the Lord did the work and opened my eye. I feel very happy about it and want everyone to know it and glorify God. After being blind in that eye for forty years I can see as well with it as with the

other one.—John B. Tracey, 19 Brooks Street, Canandaigua, N. Y.

We are praising God for healing our little daughter, seven years of age, of a bad heart trouble. She developed leakage when a very small child, and was never able to run and play and exercise as other children can, but would have to lie down every day. During the tent meeting in Canandaigua, held by Sister Frey, she was prayed for and instantly healed, so that now she can run and play and is normal in every way. She is out of doors all day long and has no more pain.—Mrs. Nellie Lodge, 207 Center Street, Canandaigua, N. Y.

## Mother

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Not only was her son greatly used of God, but her grandchildren and her great grandchildren have served and are serving on the mission field. One of her grandchildren, Mrs. Howard Taylor, who has written a number of books, including the story of Hudson Taylor, has brought blessing to thousands of lives. One of this good mother's great-grandchildren is being mightily used at this time in preaching the gospel to the students in colleges in many different countries.

Every mother who trains her children for God is doing a service, the value of which only eternity will reveal.

## What a Dollar Did

Just one little dollar, but it brought about the salvation and Baptism in the Spirit of two young souls. Its companion, another little dollar, was the means of salvation and Baptism in the Spirit of a bootlegger.

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Have you unsaved friends? How many dollars will you invest in the salvation of their souls? There is need for immediate action, for "the night cometh when no man can work." Let us spread the gospel while we have opportunity.

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# The Sunday School Lesson

## The Future of the Kingdom

Lesson for May 20: Matt. 25:1-13

One day the disciples asked: "When shall these things be (the destruction of the temple)? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" In His answer the Lord sketched the course of events that should precede His second coming. This prophetic outline was followed by practical exhortations to watchfulness and faithfulness. Our lesson, the parable of the Ten Virgins, is taken from this practical section.

### I. THE PARABLE INTERPRETED

**The parable.** The following is the story, based upon a common marriage custom of those days. Ten bridesmaids go forth to meet the bridegroom and escort him to the home of his bride. Each carries a staff at whose top is a brazen bowl filled with rag and oil for a lamp. For some reason the bridegroom is delayed. They fix their lamps in the ground and wait. Soon they nod drowsily, and then fall asleep. But at midnight, they hear the sudden cry, common to Oriental marriage processions, "He is coming! He is coming!" Eagerly they tend their lamps. But five of them cannot rouse the flickering flame. They have forgotten to bring extra oil. "Give us of your oil," they beg of the others. "Nay, for there may not be enough for you and for us. Go to them that sell and buy for yourselves," answer the wise. But while the foolish virgins are purchasing oil, the bridegroom comes, so when they approach the banqueting hall, they hear the happy cries, and see the bright lights; but it is too late for them. The door is shut.

**The interpretation.** The bridegroom is Christ. His delay represents the gospel age during which His faithful await His return. The ten bridesmaids I believe represent the professed members of His church. In a wedding, the bridegroom and bride are naturally the central figures. But in this parable the ten virgins are the prominent characters, for by them the Lord teaches that at His coming there will be two classes—the prepared and the unprepared. The lamps stand for profession and the light for testimony. The oil typifies that spiritual life which will make us ready for Christ's coming. The shut door stands for a lost opportunity.

**The central lesson.** This parable has been a source of difficulty to many commentators. It has been woefully mangled and distorted by many good people who have attempted to squeeze it into the strait-jacket of their theories and notions. Much perplexity will be avoided if we remember this principle that applies to all parables: **every parable has one, and only one, outstanding lesson.** The other lessons are secondary and subordinate. They represent more or less the framework and setting for the main lesson. Therefore to understand a parable, single out the lesson, illustrate, develop, and amplify it; and do not agonize, speculate, and split hairs over the details. The Lord Himself has stated the dominant truth of this parable,

which is: **the need of spiritual preparation for His coming, and the danger of unpreparedness.** Verse 13.

### II. THE PARABLE APPLIED

**Character and Crisis.** On the surface the ten virgins exhibited no marks of difference. They were all bridesmaids; all wore wedding garments; all were waiting for the bridegroom; all carried lighted lamps; all slumbered; all arose at the cry to meet the bridegroom. But as they proceeded to trim their lamps a difference was immediately manifested. The wise ones had taken an extra supply of oil; they were ready. The foolish had failed to do this, taking it for granted that the oil in the lamps would be sufficient.

It is the sudden surprise, the emergency that reveals character. The difference between a deeply spiritual Christian and a shallow Christian may not always be manifest, for all of us naturally put on our "best front," when we know we are observed. But the unexpected event exposes us, for "No man has more religion than he can command in an emergency." A sudden loss, test, trial, or bereavement comes to a person, and people marvel at his victory, fortitude, and patience. The sudden test has revealed spiritual preparedness. The same thing happens to another person and he collapses spiritually. The crisis has caught him "napping," without a reserve supply of spiritual oil to light his way through the difficulty. We never know what may happen; therefore the wise Christian will prepare daily for the sudden crisis. The foolish Christian may trust to chance to "get by," or to "muddle through," as the English say. But when the Bridegroom descends, it will be too late to prepare.

Let us be sure to have a reserve supply laid up by constant preparation. Physicians say that the best thing one can do is to keep as fine a reserve of vitality as one can possibly store away, so that when the crisis of sickness comes, we may be ready and have strength to "pull through." The great Physician warns us to daily sustain our spiritual vitality that we may be ready for the great crisis of His coming.

**Dying Lamps.** "Our lamps are gone out," cried the foolish virgins. (According to the original, the expression should read, "going out.") What is represented by the oil? Writes Dr. Whyte: "Look into your own heart for the answer to that. What is it that makes your heart to be so sad, so dark, so unready sometimes? Why is there so little life and light and joy in your heart? Why is your religious experience so flat and so stale, when it should be full of gladness as if your whole life were one continual making ready for your marriage? What is really the matter with your heart? In plain English, and in few words, it is the absence from your heart of the Holy Spirit." The oil, then, represents not primarily any specific experience, but spiritual life in general.

Let us now briefly touch on some of the lessons suggested by our text: (1) All spiritual emotions and vitality will die unless

nourished, as surely as a fire will die down if no fuel is added. No spiritual experience is perpetual apart from the fulfilling of certain conditions on our part. We must stay "in touch with God." (2) Beware of neglect—of doing nothing. The foolish virgins were not guilty of any positive sin; they simply failed to fulfill the condition for keeping their lamps lighted. What brings trouble to most Christians is not positive wickedness, but careless neglect. What must a person do in order to be left when Christ comes? **Nothing!** (3) The foolish virgins slept on, unconscious of their need of oil. Writes Dr. Maclaren: "How can a drowsy Christian tell whether his spiritual life is bright or not? To be unconscious of our nearness to this condition is, I am afraid, one of the surest signs that we are in it. I suppose that a paralyzed limb is quite comfortable. At any rate paralysis of spirit may be going on without our knowing anything about it." (4) The wise virgin's refusal of oil to the foolish was not an act of selfishness, but the recognition of a fact of the spiritual life, namely, that grace is non-transferable. Here is a careless Christian caught in a flood of unexpected sorrow. He has neglected prayer and devotion. His friend, on the other hand has tended his faith until his spiritual life burns with a steady flame. Can the careless Christian borrow his friend's faith and strength in that dark emergency? Nay, verily! To be sure, the prayers and faith of others can help us to a certain extent; but in the final analysis, we must tread the winepress alone and work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. Another's spirituality will not save us if we have neglected our own. Therefore, while there is yet opportunity let us "go to them that sell." That is, let us by our own prayers receive the oil of divine life from Christ Himself. "Ask, and ye shall receive." "If any man lack . . . let him ask of God."

**The Duty of Watchfulness.** "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." Suetonius tells us that it was Cæsar's policy never to acquaint his soldiers beforehand of any set time of removal or attack, that he might have them in readiness to call whenever he needed them. Thus the Captain of our salvation deals with us. He is coming to muster us for the great gathering; He has not announced the day, in order that we may be ready **every** day. There is a solemn note sounded in this connection. When the foolish virgins returned from their quest for oil, they found that "the door was shut." We are sure that these words speak of **lost opportunity**—a thought that should solemnize our hearts. As for the question as to what became of the foolish virgins, I like the answer given by the late E. N. Bell: "The last time heard of, they were **outside.**" —Myer Pearlman.

### FOREVER WITH THE LORD

Richard C. Opie of Los Angeles, veteran minister, has recently gone to his reward after many years of service for the Lord.

May Parsons, of the North Central District Council, went on to her reward while laboring at Coleharbor, N. Dak., April 15.

We rejoice with these faithful laborers over the joy into which they have entered.

# The Gospel in Foreign Lands

## NEW MISSIONARY BOOKLET

We are pleased to announce that we have a new missionary booklet giving information concerning the Assemblies of God work in India, and shall be happy to forward a copy to any who will write the Missions Department for it. No charge is made for the same, but if those sending in would be willing to inclose a small offering to help in the expenses of the Missions Department it would be appreciated.

## A MISSIONARY'S DAY

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gittings

Quite often we receive letters from friends at home, asking how a missionary spends his day. We usually reply, "Not always as he had planned nor as he would like to spend it." Here is one day for example:

6:00 A. M. Sunrise meeting. Giving talks on John's Gospel daily. After this, assigning workmen and training-school boys to their tasks.

7:00 Breakfast. One or two interruptions the customary thing. Three sorry looking women sitting outside, waiting for us to finish. Together they have five teeth to be pulled. Find comfort in company, evidently. I have no sooner pulled the teeth than a mother appears with her baby who has a boil on the neck. Then another old lady has a dreadful sore that has eaten through her hand. Others have "tummy" troubles, etc. So mixing prayer and good works, we get them all fixed up.

Then if there is any time to spare before school, I take a run to the garden, a place I enjoy very much. Nothing like gardening for helping meditation. It is a fine nerve cure.

9:45 Morning school. I like to be there for the opening exercises, though glad to be relieved by my wife later, so that I can do a few things that need attention.

Noon. How the morning has sped!

Now after dinner the orthodox thing is to take a siesta, but usually I spend my time reading and preparing for the afternoon school session.

2:00 P. M. Training school. We are taking the lads through Mark's Gospel on three afternoons a week and on other subjects the other days. I think that at present we have some of the keenest lads we have had for some time. They are eager and bubbling over with desire to learn in the school and meetings. As soon as school is out, I must finish my mail.

6:00 As the red sun sinks in the West the Training school lads gather with us to give thanks to God for His mercy through the day. Each evening one of the boys gives a short address.

Just as it is getting dark the mail boy comes in. He is a welcome visitor. He brings letters that must be answered and sent off with the mail carrier who leaves in the morning. By the time this is finished, all is very still on the mission hill and in the village below. The day's activity has ceased.

Send all missionary offerings to  
Foreign Missions Department, 336  
West Pacific Street, Springfield,  
Missouri.

## An Encouraging Week End

Our Sunday afternoon gospel meeting in the Katenta village itself has been much blessed of late, the attendance and response having been on the increase. Last Sunday the building was too small to hold the people and some were compelled to sit outside. At the close of the meeting six fine men, two being about the most important men in the village, stood publicly to confess Christ. Then the next day another intelligent elderly man, who has been a hearer for many months, and who had confessed to our local evangelist that the messages had been cutting his heart, came to our home with his wife, both desiring to find the Lord and to follow Him.

## Blessing at Coffee Plantation

A few miles from us is a large coffee plantation which has become a very large village. We have been allowed perfect freedom in the matter of school and evangelistic work there. Of late some of the men have believed on the Lord Jesus, and there is now a thriving little church, and conversions continue.



Milhem S. Shoucair, worker among the Bedouins, working under Miss Malick, who needs support.

## Pressing Northward

During the last month we have had the great joy of entering another hitherto quite untouched district and of preaching there for the first time the great news of a Saviour for all men. Penetrating many miles north of the limits marked on our present mission map, tramping across lonely stretches of country overrun by herds of buffalo and elephant, we were rewarded with a tremendous welcome and response to the gospel from the hundreds who came to listen to us. At Bushiba, the largest village in all this great territory, we were able to leave one of our best evangelists, and the latest word from him tells of a remarkable move in some of the villages around him.

Yet farther north there is still unworked country that we must get to soon.

## MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES IN SYRIA

Miss Yumna G. Malick

I am writing this message from the little corner of the earth called Syria, the original home of our fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Our main station is in Shweifat, Lebanon, which was started 13 years ago, and like many other works, it has gone through many hard battles and won glorious victories. Now the financial question is the great problem. Offerings have dropped almost to half what they were in the past, and the value of the dollar has gone the same way, but prices have not gone down accordingly in this part of the country. In fact the government has raised taxes enormously so the people are groaning under the burden.

I am very sorry to say that I have been obliged to close one outstation and to give up the meeting hall at another among the Bedouins. They are very interesting people, and I am sure you would enjoy a prayer meeting with them. God is blessing in their midst, and we are blessed with a very good native worker for them. The rent of the hall is only \$5.00 per month, while the worker needs only \$20.00 for his support.

At the Institute we have 180 poor and orphan children, all studying the Bible daily. Many lives are being transformed here through the agency of the living Word and the tender care and influence of godly workers. One of our poor orphans, a girl of about 14 years of age, came to me recently with her book in her hand and tears in her eyes. "Look here," she said, pointing to an open page, and read, "His pierced hands and wounded side—!" "This is Jesus," she said. "He suffered all this for me. Oh, my heart is trembling." She sobbed like her little heart would break. Then looking up through her tears, she said, "I am very glad He saved me; I must tell others about Him." Since then she has been the means of leading one little lamb to the fold. This dear girl has nobody supporting her. Others as worthy as she is are without support too.

Our prison work is also encouraging. We believe some precious souls have been saved within those prison walls during the last

few months. Now we have an invitation to minister in another prison with more than 200 prisoners in it. I am obtaining a permit from the government for preaching there.

The village work is most interesting. Many calls come to us from various parts of the country, "Come over and help us." Work among the Jews is somehow neglected, for lack of means and want of workers. We have a bright little Jewish girl at our Institute, whose father would like to come out of Judaism and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I wish you might kindly remember this work and pray earnestly for its many needs; for the support of its good native workers, its teachers, preachers, evangelists, Bible-women, and its many other needs. It is a great responsibility, and the prayers of loving saints help more than I can express.

**FIRE IN MISSIONARY HOME**  
Sai Nam, South China

A recent letter from Miss Blanche Appleby tells of a fire in the missionary home that destroyed practically all of the bedding and furnishings of the guest room. She says there was very little bedding which belonged to the home, that which was burned being the property of Brother and Sister Park. She writes: "A weary sick missionary appreciates a comfortable bed more than anything, yet there is not a comfortable bed in the entire home. If the friends in the homeland would like to do something to really help the missionaries they could send blankets, comforters, steamer rugs, quilts, pillows, bedspreads, sheets, pillow cases, dresser and table covers, table cloths for the dining room, towels, wash cloths, table napkins, etc." Address all parcels to Mrs. H. A. Park, P. O. Box 692, Hong Kong, South China. Such parcels are duty free.

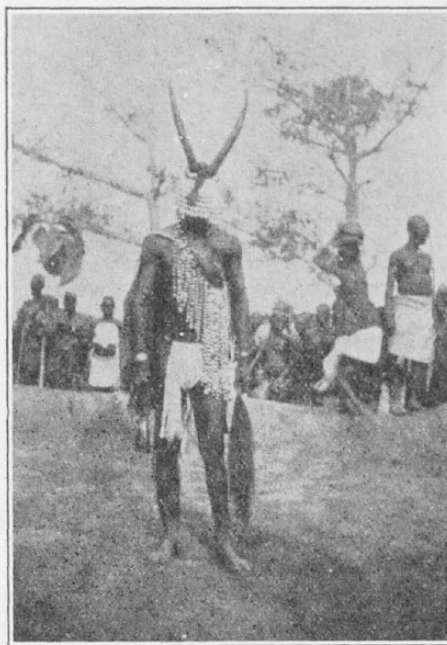
Money is also needed for repairing the roof and other damage done to the home by the fire. Send all contributions for this need to Foreign Missions Department, 336 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo., and mention that it is for the missionary home at Sai Nam, South China.

**VIEWS AND NEWS OF THE GOLD COAST**

Lloyd Shirer, writing from Yendi, says: "We have just returned from a month's vacation at the coast. Having been out here for two years and a half, we felt the need of getting away for a change. Through the kindness of a friend we were able to get the use of a bungalow a mile from the ocean, free of charge. It was a wonderful change and we enjoyed ourselves from the beginning. The food was such a change that our appetites returned to normal. We were able to get butter, which was a great treat for the children. We could also get fresh vegetables and fish. We all gained weight and new color in our faces.

**Visit Slave Dungeons**

"While there we visited some of the old castles that



**A Konkomba, dressed for dance. In their dances they imitate animals.**

were built three and four hundred years ago by the Dutch and Portuguese. Some of them are in a very good state of preservation. They were the residences of the first Europeans in West Africa and were used as trading posts. Slaves were one of the chief items of trade. We entered the dungeons where slaves were kept while waiting for ships that were to convey them to the West Indies and America. These dungeons are dreadful places, dark as night. Thank God, that wicked trade is no longer carried on.

**Natives to Build Churches**

"After four weeks of real resting we were glad to be able to return to our station. We found it much warmer at Yendi than it had been at the coast. The work here had been carried on by our evangelist and was in good condition when we returned. Scores

of people came to greet us and were glad to see us back.

"Next week I am to go and mark the foundations of the first churches to be built by the natives of the villages in Gold Coast. This makes our hearts glad, for we are beginning to see definite fruit in the villages. We trust that before long there will be scores of churches and multitudes of followers of our Lord Jesus.

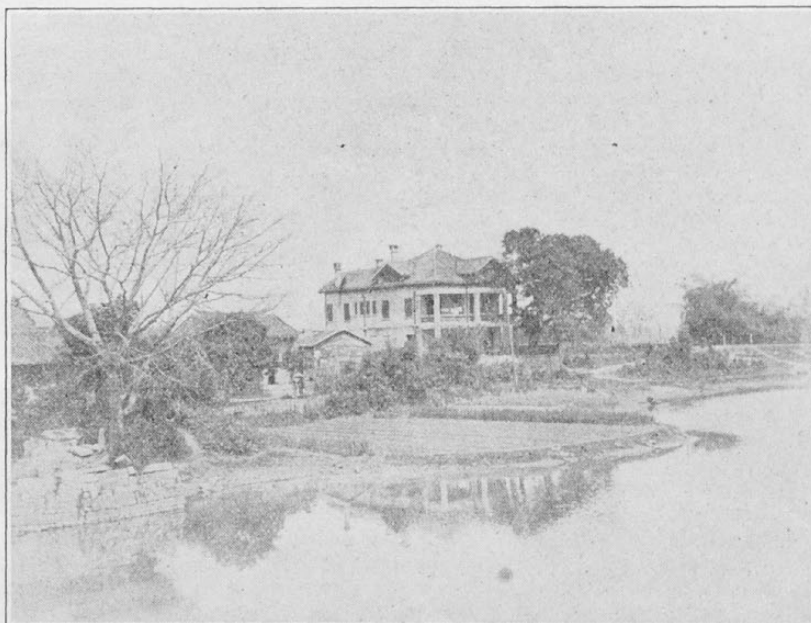
**A Christian Native Writes**

"Some time ago we had a boy who had attended Government school and who could speak English with us at the station. He was from a tribe one hundred miles to the north of us and had never heard the gospel. While he was here he repented and began to pray, but was not with us long enough to learn much of the truths of the Bible. In the last mail we received the following letter from him. 'Sir, I have the honor most respectfully to report to you that I am in good condition. Please, I am now working in my town supervising cleaning village from place to place and at the same time telling people about our Lord Jesus. Of course some of the people are taking very much interesting in it and are well please to receive the news all the time. There is one boy from Government school in Tamale who said he will join me in the work of our Lord and has ready done, so I am please to say we are two education boys here. One thing to inform you, is this, we are short of books which containing only our Lord Jesus story alone in them to buy. Please if you will be kind enough to order some for us we will send you one pound four shillings to order some for us. Please if you will do so kindly inform me so that I will send you the money at the end of March. No more complain again. Greet Bakoe and all the boys I know round there. Yours in the love and fellowship of the gospel.—Bimi Bimoaba.'

"We thought that was a very encouraging letter to get even if it is full of mistakes. We hope to visit him and his people before the rains set in. We really should have a missionary located there.

**Konkombas Need the Gospel**

"Another extremely needy tribe is the Konkombas who are the most primitive in the whole country. They are a wonderful race of people and strong of physique, but their biggest fault is that they go on the warpath frequently. Their weapons are knives, swords, spears, and what is the most dangerous—poisoned arrows. Last week they had the largest fight of the year. Five were killed and no one knows how many wounded. These people are near us and we preach in some of their villages. They are very receptive to the gospel message and should have missionaries who could study their language and customs to preach to them. We pray that someone might hear the call of these people. The days of pioneer missionary adventure are not over. Here is the chance for someone to be a



**Missionary Home, Sai Nam, South China**

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# In the Whiten'd Harvest Field

DURAN, N. MEX.—We have had a 3 weeks' revival, conducted by Sister Kathryn Mills and Brother Arden Lawson. Seven have been saved and the revival still continues.—Mrs. Lillie Wallace.

DORCHESTER, MASS.—We are having meetings at the Kings Highway Tabernacle, Roxbury, with Evangelist Arthur Robinson, of Lynn, preaching nightly. This is the fourth week of the campaign; many have come to the altar seeking God.—George E. Yeo, Pastor.

COY, MISS.—Evangelist Mamie Lee Gregory conducted a meeting March 14-April 1. The power of God was present in every service. Fifteen received the Holy Ghost Baptism, 9 were saved, and 12 followed Christ in baptism. All have been greatly encouraged.—W. E. Robertson, Pastor.

NORTH LIBERTY, IOWA—In the past week six have taken a definite stand for the Lord, and several have been healed in answer to believing prayer. This is a new field for Pentecost. Prejudice has been broken down by the power of the Holy Ghost. Brother James Primrose, of Grundy Center, remains as pastor.—L. Johnson, Evangelist.

WESTBROOK, TEXAS—We closed a meeting about 3 weeks ago. Twenty-three plunged beneath the cleansing, healing stream and were washed from their sins. Eight received the Baptism with the Holy Ghost, as in Acts 2:4. Archie L. and Ollie Mae Henderson, of Clovis, N. Mex., were in charge.—J. R. and Stella Davis, Pastors.

BOONEVILLE, ARK.—We praise the Lord for His mercy shown in our recent revival. Thirteen wept their way into the kingdom of God and 3 were baptized with the Holy Ghost. Brother Dee Lee is pastor. God is blessing the church and precious unity prevails.—Morris Lefkovitz, Glenwood, Ark., Evangelist.

TATUM, N. MEX.—I can report the blessings of the Lord in a weeks' meeting, conducted by Sister Birdie M. Smith, of Roswell. Two were reclaimed one saved, and the way paved for a great revival. The entire congregation listened intently to the Word. Many trembled, some wept, as the mighty power of the Spirit of God fell upon them. We are trusting for great victory in this new field.—T. N. Powers, Pastor.

TRENTON, TEXAS—We have just closed a 5 weeks' meeting, conducted, the first 2 weeks, by Evangelist G. W. Estes. The saints were built up in the Lord and one was saved. Brother G. G. Asher, with Brother Kendrix, of Fort Worth, Song Leader, continued the meeting 3 weeks longer. There were 13 saved and 15 received the Baptism with the Spirit. Seventeen followed the Lord in baptism and 14 were added to the assembly.—Verena Holcomb, Pastor.

TAHOKA, TEXAS—About 4 weeks ago we arrived here, and found a small band of saints on fire for God. Sister Martin had labored here for more than a year. Brother J. J. Land held a successful revival. Everyone had a mind to work. A beautiful lot was purchased 2 blocks south of the courthouse. Now we have a nice building erected and more than half paid for. Our first service was held in the new church, April 14. Our Young People's band was organized Sunday afternoon. All departments of the work are thriving. Council ministers passing this way are invited to stop over with us.—N. C. Whitlock, Pastor, Box 624.

EUREKA SPRINGS, ARK.—We praise the Lord for what He has been doing for us in the past few months. We have the largest Sunday school in town. We have just closed a successful 2 weeks' revival conducted by the pastor. The Lord was present in power. Large crowds attended each service. Evangelist J. N. Hoover was with us for one week. The Lord wonderfully blessed his ministry to the people of Eureka Springs. On the last Sunday we held two mass meetings in the city auditorium. Many came from the surrounding communities to both of these services. All are encouraged to go on increasing the Sunday school attendance and winning souls to the Lord.—Ben H. Lewis, Pastor.

DES ARC, MO.—Brother W. G. Workman and the writer have been in a revival here, in which 4 or 5 were saved and one received the Baptism with the Spirit. The saints were also greatly stirred to go deeper in God. April 16 the sectional fellowship meeting was held. Brother Crenshaw of Puxico gave a stirring message in the forenoon, on the Power of Prayer, and afternoon Brother Fowler spoke on, "We Be Brethren." At night Brother S. L. Johnson, District Superintendent, spoke on "Man Goeth to His Long Home." At the close the altar was filled with seekers and one received the Baptism. We have an orchestra of young men, and have as high as 70 or 80 young people in the Ambassadors' services.—C. B. Glover, Pastor.

MOUNTAIN GROVE, MO.—The Central Ozarks fellowship meeting at Mountain Grove was well attended by ministers and churches. A number of visiting ministers were also present. The day services were carried on in the regular fellowship fashion—prayer, song, and praise, with short sermons from various ministers. A street service conducted by Ambassadors drew a good crowd and was well received by the populace. The Christ's Ambassadors meeting was well attended; special songs by representatives from various assemblies were given. Brother W. E. Atkinson of Norwood, brought the evening message. The next fellowship meeting will be at the Wolf Creek Assembly May 15.—M. F. Hamilton, Secretary, Willow Springs.

BERWIND, W. VA.—The old "Gray Goose" saloon, converted into a Pentecostal Church, was the scene of a 3 weeks' revival conducted by the writer. Despite much bad, rainy weather a good interest was manifested. God confirmed His Word "with signs following," in saving lost souls, healing the sick, and otherwise blessing the people. At the present we are at Bluefield, Va., in a campaign with Pastor James Earls.—Evangelist and Mrs. J. E. Hamill.

ASTORIA, ORE.—Recently Brother Frederick J. Betts conducted a revival here, in which nine were saved and reclaimed; about 10 received the Baptism with the Holy Ghost; 15 received Christian baptism; and a goodly number testified to God's healing power. A dear saint of God aged 81, who had occupied a wheel chair for 2 years, when prayed for was instantly healed. The affliction has not returned. The Lord has added some to our fellowship and the saints are greatly encouraged. Miss Rilla Mae Sanders has resigned to go into evangelistic work, and we have been called as pastors.—Pastor and Mrs. E. William Anderson.

KENSETT, ARK.—We have just concluded a 3 weeks' campaign, Harold Francis, Evangelist, and Othal T. Ross, Musician. The meetings were hindered by a prolonged downpour of rain, but while the rain fell outside, showers of Latter Rain were poured down on the assembly. The building was crowded beyond capacity and more stood outside than could possibly get inside the door. The Word went forth in demonstration of the Spirit and of power; hearts of sinners were melted before the Lord; and some cried aloud for mercy. About 20 found Christ as their Saviour, and about 10 were baptized with the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4. Numbers also were healed. Goiter, appendicitis, neuralgia, malaria, and numerous other maladies of years' standing, vanished before the touch of the Man of Galilee. The saints were built up in faith and encouraged to press the battle.—H. B. Watkins, Pastor.

GREENVILLE, TENN.—We came here last fall from Phoenix, Ariz. Our first meeting was in a country church; people came from everywhere around, some walking 3 to 5 miles. Large crowds would get together and sing all the way. Music was furnished by our own horn and guitar. By 6:30 the house would be packed and the windows filled with smiling faces. It seemed like heaven to hear those people sing. A goodly number were saved and several followed Christ in baptism. Until Dec. 1 Brother J. L. Shelton was with us. A number of his relatives found salvation and were baptized. We meet in the courthouse, the room being loaned to us free of charge. God has saved souls in all five of our meetings since October. Each Saturday afternoon we have services from the courthouse steps. A crowd of from 300 to 500 usually gather to listen. Some have been saved through this means and God is always present to bless the hearers.—Pastor and Mrs. Delbert Gribbling.

**NEBRASKA DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**HASTINGS, NEBR.**—A wonderful time of fellowship and blessing from God was enjoyed at the District Council meeting April 10-12. P. C. Nelson, President of Southwestern Bible School was the main speaker. Entertainment was provided for all by the local assembly and their friends. Gordon H. Millard, Pastor, arranged this most creditably.

The former District superintendent on account of his physical condition declined to permit his name to be voted on. A. M. Alber, former Secretary-Treasurer, was elected superintendent; Glenn Millard secretary-treasurer; and E. W. White, J. C. Burkey, G. H. Rake, and W. O. Zeigler presbyters.

The Council accepted an offer of a large pavilion in a park in the edge of Hastings for the camp meeting July 19-29. The pavilion and park make a most excellent place for the camp and we are looking forward to a large attendance and blessed time.—Glenn Millard, Secretary.

**GENERAL COUNCIL FELLOWSHIP**

The following names were added to our General Council ministerial list during the month of April, 1934.

- Asher, George G., Fort Worth, Texas
- Bostwick, Mrs. Pearl E., Mutual, Okla.
- Eryant, Sydney S., Partabgarh, Oudh, U. P. India
- Fox, Oscar Lee, Steelville, Mo.
- Hurley, William F., Guthrie, Okla.
- Lack, William E., Yellville, Ark.
- Landrus, Harold H., Aguilar, Colo.
- Laudahl, Morris V., Grenora, N. Dak.
- Rodriguez, Francisco, Havana, Cuba.

The following names were removed from our General Council ministerial list during the month of April, 1934.

- Baer, Mrs. Vida B., Pasadena, Calif. (deceased)
- Collier, Harry L., Washington, D. C. (deceased)
- Jeter, John E., Enid, Okla. (withdrew)
- Opie, Richard C., Los Angeles, Calif. (deceased)
- Stone, Martha L., Goldendale, Wash. (withdrew)

**VIEWS AND NEWS FROM THE GOLD COAST**

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Livingstone, a Moffat, a Chalmers, or a Judson to the Konkombas.

"We count it a privilege to be here telling of His wonderful love. May the Lord help us all to be true and to press on with even greater zeal than in the past."

**OKMULGEE, OKLA.**—At a recent meeting of our Women's Missionary Council we learned that foodstuffs were needed at the Central Bible Institute and decided to send them one-tenth of the remaining fruit and vegetables we have on hand.

Our Women's Missionary Council was organized October 10. At present we have an enrollment of 48 with an average attendance of 25. We meet weekly and a blessed spirit of fellowship prevails. During the first quarter we made around 300 calls on the sick, and 200 other calls, besides several at the hospital. In addition we have furnished garments and meals to some 10 needy families. Our home mission offerings have almost doubled and our foreign mission dona-

tions have increased. We have been having all-day meetings from time to time, to quilt, and make over old garments, which have been donated to those in need.—Mrs. Verona M. Greve.

**GREAT FALLS, MONT.**—We have recently closed one of the most successful revivals in the history of the assembly. Evangelist Christian Hild, Fargo, N. Dak., was in charge. Much prayer was sent to the throne the last 2 weeks, and in answer God gave us souls almost every night. The tabernacle was crowded to capacity with people hungry for the gospel. The Sunday school reached a new high mark—the highest in its history. Seven girls were saved during the class period in the Sunday school. Several of our young people received the Baptism, as in Acts 2:4. The meetings continued 4 weeks. The revival tide is still high.—F. G. Frank, Pastor.

**DRUMRIGHT, OKLA.**—We came here May 28 and found a blessed band of saints doing their best for God. During these 11 months several have found the Lord in the old-fashioned way, and several have been filled with the Spirit. Some that had wandered away have come back to the Lord; many of the saints have been refreshed; and some have been healed of various afflictions—one, of cancer. Evangelists William E. Emanuel, and P. C. Mason have each been with us and in both revivals God manifested His power. At our quarterly business meeting we accepted a call by the church to the pastorate here.—Lawrence Selvey, Pastor.

**PLAINVIEW, TEXAS**—An old-fashioned revival just closed here. Evangelist Pete Love, our Christ's Ambassadors' sectional representative was with us 3 weeks. In this time God saved 42; baptized 16 with the Holy Spirit; and healed a number who were afflicted. Large crowds overflowed the building. People came for miles to enjoy the blessings. On 2 nights the power of God was so manifest that we omitted the message and had altar service. We have a growing Sunday school of more than 100 and an Ambassadors' class of 50. This revival was a part of the results of cottage prayer meetings most every night since December.—Pauline Walker.

**SCRANTON, PA.**—April 17-19 was set aside by the ministers of the Anthracite section of the Eastern District for united prayer. From the first service, 9:00 A. M. Tuesday, the saints gathered from the assemblies in the Anthracite Valleys. There was no pull to create a spirit of prayer. It was easy to pray, pray, pray. Messages were given to stimulate prayer, but these were only incidental to the main purpose of the conference—prayer. Whether waves of intercession, songs in the Spirit, or deep silence prevailed, prayer went on and on, and the Spirit moved deeply upon all hearts. The climax came the afternoon of the third day when the Spirit fell marvelously. The entire company seemed deluged with His power. Some wept, some shouted, some laughed with holy laughter as the breath of God swept over the waiting company, filling them afresh with the Holy Ghost.

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## Forthcoming Meetings

Pray for all forthcoming meetings. Notice of meetings should be received by us three full weeks before the meeting is to start.

**EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS**

PASADENA, TEX.—May 6—, George Hayes Evangelist.—A. L. Parker, Pastor.

AVERHILL, MASS.—Kenoza Ave., May 16—June 3. Glenn D. Jones, Evangelist.—W. J. Belbin, Pastor.

WINDSOR, ONT.—May 23—June 17. Evangelist and Mrs. Watson Argue.—J. Swanson, Pastor.

PITTSBURG, KANS.—607 N. Joplin St., May 6-20, J. N. Hoover, Evangelist.—J. A. Morrison, Pastor.

SEARCY, ARK.—Courthouse, May 13—Francis-Ross Evangelistic Party.—Harold B. Francis, Evangelist.

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS—1228 E. Fourth St., May 17—, Carl W. Barnes Evangelistic Party.—B. H. Armes, Pastor.

EAST LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Trinity Assembly, May 20—, G. H. Stieglitz, Evangelist.—Elmer T. Draper, Pastor.

BLACK RIVER FALLS, WIS.—Dedication of Tabernacle, May 18, two services. Services also May 19-20.—H. M. Johnson, Pastor.

CENTRAL PARK, LONG ISLAND, N. Y.—Pentecostal Assembly, May 6-20, Evangelist and Mrs. E. T. Quanabush.—Clarence T. Maloney, Pastor.

HUGO, OKLA.—Highway Tabernacle, May 20-June 17. Evangelist and Mrs. Norman H. Cline.—Thomas M. Gray, Pastor, 103 N. E Street.

HEMLOCK, N. C.—May 20—Stanley A. Houston assisted (if possible) by Evangelist J. J. Thompson and Pastor Ramond Cornet, of Shulls Mills.—E. B. Arnold, Secretary.

DUNCAN, OKLA.—All-day fellowship meeting, Banner Assembly, 7 miles west of Duncan, on good road, May 13. Basket lunch.—Pastor and Mrs. J. D. Birge.

PETERSBURG, VA.—Pentecostal Tabernacle, May 6—, Minnie P. Latham, Evangelist. Fellowship meeting all day May 30, at Totty's Pond, near Disputanta. Brother Strickland, Brother Dyche, and others, Speakers.—R. F. Cass, Pastor.

**DISTRICT MEETINGS**

KANSAS DISTRICT CAMP MEETINGS  
Chanute, July 5-15; Attica-Sharon, July 19-29;  
Woodston-Alton, Aug. 2-12, speakers announced later.—Fred Vogler, District Superintendent, 1017 S. Market, Wichita.

**LATIN-AMERICAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Annual meeting South Texas conference, Rio Hondo, May 11-12. Frontier Conference, Victoria, Tex., May 16-17. East Texas conference, Houston, May 22-23. North Texas conference, Ft. Worth, May 29-30. Central conference, Artesia, N. Mex., June 15-17. Colorado conference, Pueblo, July 15-17. All services and business in Spanish. I will spend most of the month of June in California among the Spanish churches.—H. C. Ball, Superintendent.

**MARANATHA SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL**

The Maranatha Summer Bible School third term. Christ's Ambassadors rally May 30, for Eastern District Young People, followed by 6 weeks intensive Bible study; closing exercises July 15. Two courses include: Studies in Doctrine, Dispensations, Old Testament History, Acts, Hebrews, Personal Evangelism, Synoptic Gospels, Gospel of John, Church History, the Gospel in the Tabernacle. Daily lectures weekly by visiting Bible teachers in addition to regular courses. Cost of tuition and board for 6 weeks, \$35. Guests students and vacationists will be welcomed at \$1.00 a day.—Address Mrs. J. R. Flower, 301 Spruce St., Lititz, Pa.

**NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT CONVENTIONS**  
Minnesota, St. Cloud, May 16-18. North Dakota, Bismarck, May 22-24. Lake Geneva camp and Bible conference, June 17-July 4. Special speakers, Dr. Chas. S. Price, and William I. Evans, Dean of Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo.—F. J. Lindquist, District Superintendent, 3015-17 13th Ave., S., Minneapolis, Minn.

**TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

FT. WORTH, TEXAS—Rosen Heights Church, June 5-8. Each department of District work will be given time to take care of its interests. Officers to be elected for Christ's Ambassadors, Women's Missionary Council, and District Council. Meals on treewill offering plan. Let each assembly take an offering as soon as possible and send to the secretary of the District. Matters of great importance to be discussed. E. S. Williams, General Superintendent, Speaker.—E. L. Newby, District Superintendent, 2621 W. 26th St., Fort Worth.

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**Evangelistic or Pastoral**

Ruth E. Mossburg, Mantua, Ohio, Box 5. "Will respond immediately. Reference, G. F. Lewis, District Superintendent, 11 West Warren Ave., Youngstown, O."

**MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES**

NEW ADDRESS—I have accepted the pastorate here. Will welcome council brethren passing this way.—M. B. Wyatt, Leedy, Okla., Box 201.

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NOTICE—Want an evangelistic party with tent for a meeting as early as possible.—Write Mrs. J. E. Pitman, Leland, Miss.

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April 19-25 inclusive

All personal offerings amount to \$744.24

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.40	Flat Rock Assembly Owassa Ala
.46	Assembly of God S S Davenport Okla
.60	Assembly of God Beach Grove Tenn
.65	Assembly of God Saltville Va
.74	C A's Delaware Ark
.75	Assembly of God Goosecreek Tex
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1.00	Full Gospel Tab Waco Tex
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1.00	Full Gospel Assembly Corbin Ky
1.00	Junior Church Mattoon Ill
1.00	Bethlehem Christian Church Flora Ill
1.00	Gospel Assembly Jacksonville Fla
1.00	Assembly of God S S Goff Kans
1.00	Assembly of God Church Mounds Okla
1.15	Assembly of God Highway Tab Hugo Okla
1.31	Assembly of God Allemands La
1.40	New Hope Assembly Evergreen Ala
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1.50	Assembly of God S S Archer City Tex
1.50	Assembly of God Aransas Pass Tex
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1.70	Assembly of God Milan Mo
1.75	Assembly of God De Leon Tex
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- 3.00 Assembly of God S S Wright City Tex
- 3.00 Full Gospel Assembly S S Hebo Oreg
- 3.00 Full Gospel S S Whittail Mont
- 3.00 Pleasant Hill Assembly Church & S S Still-water Okla
- 3.00 Pent'l S S Auburn Wash
- 3.10 Gospel Tab Muskegon Mich
- 3.12 Pent'l S S Ione Oreg
- 3.14 Assembly of God Conroe Tex
- 3.20 Full Gospel Assembly Three Rivers Mich
- 3.25 Fellowship Meeting at Texas City Tex
- 3.30 Mt Carmel Assembly Pinckard Ala
- 3.33 Finnish Pent'l Mission Naselle Wash
- 3.40 Assembly of God Splendora Tex
- 3.40 Full Gospel Church Ventura Calif
- 3.59 Assembly of God Busy Bee Band Oswego Kans
- 3.60 Studiwood Church Houston Tex
- 4.00 Full Gospel Young Married People's Class Selma Calif
- 4.00 Assembly of God Church Sayre Okla
- 4.25 Houston Heights Church Houston Tex
- 4.25 Church of God So Knoxville Tenn
- 4.35 Gospel Tab Rochester Minn
- 4.36 Glad Tidings S S Lexington Mo
- 4.38 Assembly of God Peoria, Ill
- 4.50 Full Gospel Assembly San Bruno Calif
- 4.65 Farmers Mills Gospel Mission Stormville N Y
- 4.75 Gospel Tab Redondo Beach Calif
- 5.00 First Pent'l Church Ishpeming Mich
- 5.00 Pent'l Mission Monessen Pa
- 5.00 Full Gospel Assembly Calistoga Calif
- 5.00 Assembly of God S S Jakes Run W Va
- 5.00 Assembly of God Oakwood Okla
- 5.00 Full Gospel S S Arab Mo
- 5.00 Full Gospel Mission Muskegon Mich
- 5.00 Calvary Pent'l Assembly Plainfield N J
- 5.00 Milan Gospel Mission Milan Wis
- 5.00 North Howell Community Church & S S Sil-verton Oreg
- 5.00 West End Church Houston Tex
- 5.00 W M C Goosecreek Tex
- 5.05 W M C Galena Park Tex
- 5.13 Full Gospel Assembly Memphis Tenn
- 5.20 Assembly of God Humble Tex
- 5.24 Gospel Tab & S S Cando N Dak
- 5.25 Bethel Temple Church & S S Hoquiam Wash
- 5.60 Assembly of God Pelly Tex
- 6.00 First Pent'l Church Atco N J
- 6.00 Pent'l Mission Fern Hill Sta Tacoma Wash
- 6.00 Church of the Full Gospel Graham Calif
- 6.00 Glad Tidings Church San Antonio Tex
- 6.20 Assembly of God S S Kaw Okla
- 6.72 Assembly of God S S Hereford Tex
- 6.91 Bethel Full Gospel Church Hayward Calif
- 6.93 Pent'l Church Hyndman Pa
- 7.00 Full Gospel Church Delano Calif
- 7.00 C A's Bakersfield Calif
- 7.05 Assembly of God La Porte Tex
- 7.25 Assembly of God Freepport Tex
- 7.50 Pent'l Assembly St Paul Va
- 7.67 Assembly of God Kennett Mo
- 8.00 Women's Miss Council Electra Tex
- 8.00 Full Gospel Tab Dolton Township Minn
- 8.00 Glad Tidings Tab Niagara Falls N Y
- 8.01 Assembly of God Pasadena Tex
- 8.09 Assembly of God Church N Hollywood Calif
- 8.25 Woodworth-Etter Tab S S Indianapolis Ind
- 8.38 Assembly of God Gridley Calif
- 8.61 Full Gospel Tab Alliance Ohio
- 8.62 First Assembly of God S S Austin Tex
- 8.68 Assembly of God Monticello Ark
- 8.70 Avon Mission Avon N C
- 9.00 Fairhaven Gospel Mission S S So Bellingham Wash
- 9.55 Assembly of God Ewing Mo
- 9.63 Pent'l Mission Campbell Calif
- 9.85 Pent'l Assembly & S S Arlington Wash
- 10.00 Lettish Pent'l Church Philadelphia Pa
- 10.00 Riverside Full Gospel Tab Buffalo N Y
- 10.00 Pent'l Assembly of God Kelso Wash
- 10.00 Temple Church Assembly Clanton Ala
- 10.00 Smithville Assembly of God I-dependence Mo
- 10.00 Woodland Evangelistic Tab Woodland Calif
- 10.00 Pent'l Gospel Mission Millvale Branch Pitts-burgh Pa
- 10.00 Full Gospel Assembly Jamaica N Y
- 10.00 Assembly of God Lakeland Fla
- 10.25 Assembly of God Church Westby Mont
- 10.72 Full Gospel Tab Hammond Ind
- 10.76 Trinity Pent'l Church Elizabeth N J
- 11.53 Assembly of God Eagle Bend Minn
- 12.00 Bethel Pent'l Assembly Cortland N Y
- 12.60 United Pent'l Church Bridgeport Conn
- 12.74 Full Gospel Assembly S S Alexandria Va
- 14.21 Calvary Pent'l Tabernacle Kalispell Mont
- 15.00 Pent'l Mission Maumee Ohio
- 15.00 First Pent'l S S Wilmington Dela
- 15.68 Glad Tidings Assembly Escalon Calif
- 16.09 Full Gospel Assembly Westbrook Maine
- 16.45 Pent'l Church La Crescenta Calif
- 17.60 Glad Tidings Tab Roseville Calif
- 17.69 Assembly of God & Ladies Miss Council Okmulgee Okla
- 18.27 Assembly of God Wolf Point Mont
- 18.30 Full Gospel Tab S S & W M C Waco Tex
- 20.00 Pilgrim's Class S C B S Pasadena Calif
- 20.00 Girard Assembly Buffalo Okla
- 21.00 Assembly of God & S S Minot N Dak
- 21.03 Gospel Tab S S & C A Great Falls Mont
- 23.16 Highway Church & S S Garibaldi Oreg
- 23.45 Assembly of God Olympia Wash
- 24.39 Trinity Tab S S Goose Creek Tex
- 25.00 Full Gospel Temple Grants Pass Oreg
- 25.00 Grace Pent'l Church Atlante City N J
- 25.34 West Nanticoke Mission Nanticoke Pa
- 26.04 Evangelistic Full Gospel Assembly & S S Salem Oreg

- 26.22 Assembly of God Ft Collins Colo
- 27.00 Assembly of God Church Tarkio Mo
- 32.43 Assembly of God Church & S S Coffeyville Kans
- 35.00 Full Gospel Church Trafford Pa
- 35.27 Upper Room Pent'l Mission San Jose Calif
- 35.60 Full Gospel Temple Ashland Oreg
- 38.40 Assembly of God Church Bayard Nebr
- 38.50 First Pent'l Church San Bernardino Calif
- 41.00 First Pent'l Tab Wilmington Dela
- 41.19 Trinity Full Gospel Church Pasadena Calif
- 46.63 Bethany Temple Everett Wash
- 55.00 Full Gospel Assembly Washington D C
- 67.00 Wells Memorial Pent'l Church Tottenville N Y
- 69.78 Fremont Pent'l Tab Seattle Wash
- 105.00 Hollywood Temple Seattle Wash

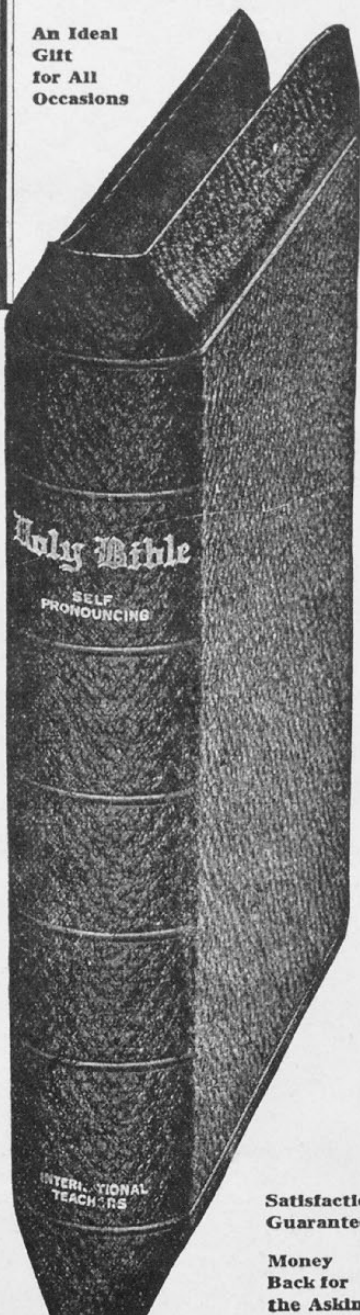
300.27 Pent'l Tab & S S Tacoma Wash	
Total amount reported	\$2,815.56
Home missions fund	\$ 46.49
Office expense fund	41.65
Deputation expense fund	7.31
Reported as given direct to mission-aries	227.81
Reported as given direct to home mis-sions	23.05
	346.31
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a Lu. 3, 23

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In the Whiten'd Harvest Field

MANKIN, TEXAS.—We started a 2 weeks' revival April 1 at the Baptist church, in which God wonderfully blessed His Word to the listeners' good. We had extra large crowds and good interest. Seven were saved and one was baptized with the Spirit. People are very hungry for the gospel in this new field.—Evangelist and Mrs. H. Hunter.

MARION, ILL.—We accepted the pastorate here some 3 months ago. The blessing of the Lord has been upon our work with a continual growth in spirit and in number. We have just closed a revival with Sister Nola West and her mother in charge. The spirit of the Lord rested on the meeting from first to last. There were 25 saved and 17 united with the assembly. We shall begin another revival with Sister Flora Garner, St. Louis, Mo., May 14. We invite neighboring churches to assist in this meeting.—B. R. Hall, Pastor, 505 Marion St.

GLIDDEN, WIS.—We have labored in this field almost a year, and the Lord has richly blessed our efforts in His name. We have had no special campaigns, but about 20 have been saved, mostly young people; 10 buried in the waters of baptism; and 10 children dedicated to the Lord. The church debt has been materially lessened. The Sunday school has been built up. Finances have been low,

but God has enabled us to give \$36 to missions. We trust ere long to have the church set in order in the Council. Fifteen Evangels are received weekly.—Sander V. Johnson, Pastor, Full Gospel Mission.

CASTELLA, CALIF.—The saints enjoyed a spiritual feast during the 5 day ministry of Evangelist Wm. F. A. Gierke, of Los Angeles. One CCC boy was saved, backsliders were reclaimed, and 8 were baptized in the River, among them a fire chief. Quite a number of sick folk were instantly healed. A precious revival spirit prevailed throughout the meeting, which closed on Thursday with a full program of 3 meetings exclusive of the baptismal service and communion. Brother Frank Vernon, through his inspired ministry of song, contributed much to the meeting.—Sister Vernon, Pastor.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Beginning February 25th the veteran evangelist A. H. Argue of Winnipeg, Canada, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Zelma Argue, opened a campaign with us. We expected them to be here three weeks but the interest kept growing and the meetings continued five full weeks with mighty visitations of God's power and heavenly glory resting upon the people. The crowds increased until the main auditorium would not seat them with every inch of space seated, platform and all, so the Lord provided a "public address system" and the basement auditorium was arranged for the overflow.

Easter Sunday was the closing service. Our Sunday school had its record attendance of 648 the fifth anniversary of this church; 70 came into the membership; 62 were filled with the Holy Spirit; and as many were saved. Many experienced wonderful visions of Jesus as they were receiving the Baptism in the Spirit, fulfilling the Word; also messages and interpretations were frequent. Some outstanding healings were experienced. One lady while being prayed for for healing was healed and filled with the Spirit. There were Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, and Catholics saved in this meeting, and one fine Baptist minister was wonderfully filled and other ministers tarried. Surely the wonderful messages preached by Brother Argue on prophecy and the soon coming of Christ stirred both saint and sinner to seek the Lord; and the character of the work done is forcefully expressed by the general excellent conditions in the assembly. Sister Zelma's faithful service in music and song, altar work, and childrens' meetings was an added blessing to the campaign in every way.

The cry of our heart is Lord send a worldwide revival and hasten the return of our Lord Jesus.

Quite a number of out of town brethren were with us for these meetings. Our church, 13th and College Avenue, is on the air Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 2:00 P. M., and Sunday morning at 8:00 over station KWKC (1370 Kilo.) and every Sunday night from 10:00 to 11:00 over WLBF (1420) central standard time.—A. A. Wilson, Pastor.

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